

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

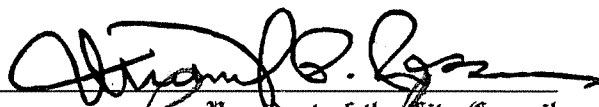
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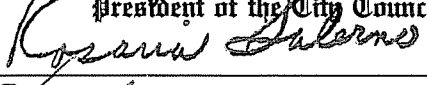
Maria de Jesus Mascarenhas, Consul General of Cape Verde in Boston


- WHEREAS: Maria de Jesus Mascarenhas has served as Cape Verde's consul-general in Boston since 2005; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde consists of several islands off the coast of West Africa; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde gained independence from Portugal in 1975 after a left-wing military coup in Portugal installed broad democratic reforms, granting independence to all of its African colonies; and
- WHEREAS: The government of Cape Verde has been led by President Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires and Prime Minister Jose Maria Pereira Neves since 2001; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde, which is slightly larger than Rhode Island, became a member of the World Trade Organization in 2008; and
- WHEREAS: Cape Verde has a population of 430,000, which is 71 percent Creole, 28 percent African, and 1 percent European; and
- WHEREAS: Ms. Mascarenhas has been responsible for issuing passports and other essential documents that enable Cape Verdeans to travel between Boston and their native country; and
- WHEREAS: Ms. Mascarenhas has called for Cape Verdeans, Cape Verdean-Americans, and friends of the Cape Verdean community to unify around common goals and dreams; Therefore Be It

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Consul General Maria de Jesus Mascarenhas for her leadership in fostering excellent relationships between residents of Boston, Cape Verde and Portugal.



By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: October 21, 2009